

Senate File 373 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1132)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensure identification and display
2 requirements and professional title and abbreviation
3 restrictions for certain health-related professions and
4 making penalties applicable.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.72, Code 2013, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **147.72 Professional titles and abbreviations.**

4 1. a. Any person licensed to practice a profession under
5 this subtitle may append to the person's name any recognized
6 title or abbreviation, which the person is entitled to use,
7 to designate the person's particular profession, but no other
8 person shall assume or use such title or abbreviation, and no
9 licensee shall advertise in such a manner as to lead the public
10 to believe that the licensee is engaged in the practice of any
11 other profession than the one which the licensee is licensed
12 to practice.

13 b. Any advertisement for services provided by a person
14 licensed to practice a profession under this subtitle shall
15 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or
16 providing services, consistent with this subtitle.

17 2. A board shall require any person licensed to practice a
18 profession identified under section 147.74 to do the following
19 when directly engaging a member of the public in a clinical
20 setting in the practice of the person's profession:

21 a. Wear a form of identification consistent with rules
22 promulgated by each applicable board, except if wearing
23 identification creates a safety or health risk, or in
24 situations when voluntarily and gratuitously responding to a
25 need for health care created by an emergency or a state or
26 local disaster. The rules shall establish uniform minimum
27 standards for identification. Minimum standards shall include
28 prominent display of the professional title and abbreviation of
29 the licensee as set forth in section 147.74.

30 b. If wearing identification creates a safety or health
31 risk, or in situations when voluntarily and gratuitously
32 responding to a need for health care created by an emergency or
33 a state or local disaster, the licensee shall verbally disclose
34 the license the licensee holds.

35 3. Persons licensed pursuant to section 148.5 shall also

1 comply with the requirements of subsection 2 of this section
2 consistent with rules adopted by the board of medicine.

3 4. Failure of a licensee to comply with the requirements
4 set forth in subsection 2 and the rules adopted thereunder may
5 constitute a basis for board action against the licensee.

6 Sec. 2. Section 147.74, subsection 21, Code 2013, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 21. An advanced registered nurse practitioner practicing
9 pursuant to rules adopted by the board and licensed as a
10 registered nurse under chapter 152 may use the words "advanced
11 registered nurse practitioner" or the letters "A.R.N.P." after
12 the person's name. A registered nurse licensed under chapter
13 152 may use the words "registered nurse" or the letters "R.N."
14 after the person's name. A licensed practical nurse licensed
15 under chapter 152 may use the words "licensed practical nurse"
16 or the letters "L.P.N." after the person's name.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill makes changes relating to licensure identification
19 and display and to professional title and abbreviation
20 restrictions for certain health-related professions.

21 The bill requires that any advertisement for services
22 provided by a person licensed in a health-related profession
23 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or
24 providing services.

25 The bill requires persons licensed in health-related
26 professions whose professional title and abbreviation
27 is designated by Code section 147.74 to wear a form of
28 identification based on standards promulgated by rule by each
29 applicable licensing board unless wearing the identification
30 creates a safety or health risk or if the person is responding
31 gratuitously to an emergency or disaster. The bill also
32 provides that this requirement applies to resident physicians
33 licensed under Code section 148.5.

34 The bill also authorizes an advanced registered nurse
35 practitioner to use the words "advanced registered nurse

1 practitioner" or the acronym "A.R.N.P.". Current law provides
2 that a person who fails to properly use the designations
3 specified in statute is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A
4 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
5 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625
6 or both.